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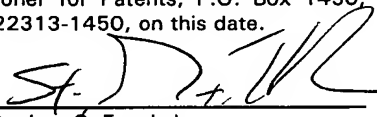
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.